

To: Pruitt, Scott[Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov]
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Subject: Protect American Jobs in Bristol Bay, Alaska

Dear EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt,

cc: Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan

Congratulations on your new job as Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. I'm writing to let you know that I, and the majority of Alaskans, expect that you will continue the excellent science-based work that the EPA has done in Bristol Bay, Alaska. I understand from the news that you are opposed to regulations that hurt jobs. Bristol Bay already supports 14,000 American jobs in the fishing industry and those jobs will be hurt by any favorable regulations you put in place for the Pebble mine – owned by a foreign company.

Bristol Bay, Alaska is home to the world's largest runs of sockeye salmon and those fish are an economic engine that contribute \$1.5 billion to the United States economy. These salmon have sustained Alaska Native cultures for generations, and today fuel the dreams of hunters and anglers around the world who come to hunt and fish in Bristol Bay. This is the reason that an unprecedented bi-partisan coalition in Alaska is fighting against the Pebble project.

This is also the reason that Alaskans overwhelmingly supported a state-wide anti-Pebble initiative two years ago. Nearly all of the local elected officials and tribal leaders oppose the mine – despite what Pebble has told you on the record.

We are grateful that EPA has listened to Alaskans about the Pebble Mine. We hope that you will continue to listen to those who have the most to lose if Pebble gets built. Salmon are, and will continue to be, the cornerstone of our history, culture, and economy in Alaska. It is imperative that we protect American jobs from this foreign mining company.

Sincerely,

Laura Bartholomae

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